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JACK:

Tupper had some concerns about cost of operating these lands. Region assures no problem - leases will bring in O+M money.

Tupper says OK

OK to sign.

Dave J.

Please return to Habitat
urgent for distribution
Thanks

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JACK S. WAYLAND
Director



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DEPARTMENT OF GAME

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February 6, 1985

James V. Cole
Project Manager
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Ephrata, Wa. 98823

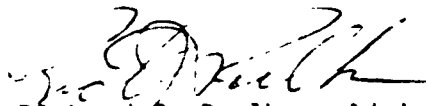
Dear Mr. Cole:

Enclosed is the signed, original letter from your office, dated January 25, 1985 which will serve as in interior agreement.

Copies have been retained for our use.

Sincerely,

THE DEPARTMENT OF GAME


Richard J. Poelker, Administrator
Wildlife Management Division

RJP:ds

Enclosure



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
COLUMBIA BASIN PROJECT
P.O. BOX 815
EPHRATA, WASHINGTON 98823

JAN 29 1985

IN REPLY
REFER TO 470
715.

JAN 25 1985

Mr. Jack Wayland, Director
Washington State Department of Game
600 N. Capitol Way
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Mr. Wayland:

As discussed with members of your staff from Region II, this letter will serve as an interim agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Washington State Department of Game for the management of Farm Units 55 and 80, Irrigation Block 26. The term of this interim agreement shall be for the ten-year development period of Block 26.

In June of 1980, the Board of Directors of the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District agreed to the provisions of a Wildlife Plan for Block 26. The attached memorandum dated May 8, 1984, to the Fish and Wildlife Service reflects some minor revisions to the plan negotiated between the Department of Game and the Irrigation District. This letter and the attached May 8, 1984 memorandum to the United States Fish & Wildlife Service will serve as a guide for the management of the United States-owned units.

Units 55, 80, and the dryland wildlife tracts referred to in the attached November 9, 1984 letter to Region II of the Department of Game are new Federal lands to be managed by the Department. Revenue generated by leasing the Farm Units will also be a new source of revenue to the Department and shall be budgeted and used solely for the management and enhancement of the above-mentioned lands and shall be a condition of this interim agreement. The Department should submit an annual work plan to the Bureau prior to October 1 of each year. The work plan shall briefly outline management activities and proposed expenditure of revenue for the coming fiscal year. Management of the units and other Block 26 wildlife land will be reviewed annually in the field by the Project's Management Review Team.

In the first year of the construction repayment period for Block 26, Units 55 and 80 may be included in a supplement to the 1952 Memorandum of Agreement between the United States and the State of Washington and be officially transferred to the Department of Game for management. Concurrence by the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Department of Game, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Reclamation will be required for the transfer.

It is understood by the Bureau and Department that during the ten-year development period the United States lands are to be managed in accordance with the Block 26 Wildlife Plan and this letter (which incorporates the above-mentioned May 8, 1984 memorandum and the 1952 Master Management Agreement between the United States and the State of Washington). If there is a conflict between terms in this letter and the 1952 management agreement, the terms of this letter will be followed first. For our records, we request you to submit your formal concurrence.

Sincerely yours,



James V. Cole
Project Manager

I Concur:

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF GAME



Jack Wayland, Director

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Ray Duff, Regional Supervisor, Washington State
Department of Game, P.O. Box 1237, Ephrata, WA 98823
(w/c enclosure)

JOHN SPELLMAN
Governor



FRANK LOCKAR
Director

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF GAME

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June 26, 1984

MEMO TO: Don Zeigler
Tracy Lloyd

FROM: Ken Tupper
Dave Gufler

RE: Block 26 - Columbia Basin Project

Attached you will find four signed copies of the Wildlife Plan for Block 26.

The agreement transfers 320 acres of dryland tracts and reservation of two water delivery units to the Department of Game for wildlife enhancement. The Department will be required to pay annual O & M assessments and toll charges prior to delivery of water. These assessments will be made up through income from a lease program with local farmers.

Wildlife and Habitat Management Divisions concurred with this agreement because it is in the best interests of preserving and improving wildlife habitat. We do, however, retain the reservation that this program could become a financial burden to the region if the lands are not leased.

KT:DG:mjf

cc: Duff
Poelker
Drivdahl

Attachments



United States Department of the Interior

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MAY 8 1984

Memorandum

To: Fish and Wildlife Service
Attn: Acting Field Supervisor
Ecological Services, Olympia, Washington

From: Project Manager, Ephrata, Washington

Subject: Wildlife Plan, Irrigation Block 26--Columbia Basin
Project

By draft memorandum dated April 16, 1980, your agency furnished this office with a preliminary plat map of Irrigation Block 26 showing lands within and adjacent to the block which you recommended be dedicated for wildlife enhancement in conjunction with the development of Block 26.

We understand this recommendation was formulated in discussions with the Washington State Department of Game and represents the Department's view, also.

The proposal recommended that several small tracts or strips of land, totaling about 320 acres located along wasteways and block boundaries, be excluded from the block and reserved for wildlife purposes without a Project water supply. Also, that six water delivery units be reserved for such purposes and made available to the Department of Game for lease to local farmers under arrangements favorable for wildlife considerations.

After review and discussion of the proposal, representatives of the Washington State Department of Game, Bureau of Reclamation, and your agency held a field review to discuss possible wasteway modifications and inspect the lands recommended for wildlife purposes.

Following the inspection those units centrally located in the block, Units P50, P65, and P81 were identified as having the greatest potential for wildlife use.

On June 30, 1980, the Block 26 Coordinator for the Bureau of Reclamation presented the plan to the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District Board of Directors and discussed the objectives and various ramifications of the proposal.

The Board of Directors expressed strong opposition to the permanent reservation of water delivery units for wildlife purposes based upon landowner's experience with intensive wildlife oriented areas in and adjacent to irrigated agriculture. However, the board agreed to a compromise plan which would provide for the permanent reservation of the 320 acres of dryland tracts and reservation of two water delivery units, Farm Units 50 and 81, Block 26, during the 10-year development period.

Under this compromise plan, the United States would transfer administration of the units to the Department of Game for the development period, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Department of Game would lease the units to local farmers under a 10-year lease beginning with the first year of the development period.
2. Leases would permit accepted weed control practices for agricultural purposes and would require prudent land, water and farm management practices.
3. The Department of Game shall make payment of annual O&M assessments and toll charges before delinquency and before water is delivered; regardless of whether water is delivered.
4. The units would be included in the annual safety and management review program.
5. A final review and evaluation would be conducted in the 10th year to identify benefits and adverse effects of the leasing program. Washington State Department of Game, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, and the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District would participate in the evaluation.
6. The transfer agreement and leasing program would not be permitted to continue into the construction repayment period unless all parties under item 5 concur in writing.
7. If the program is continued into the construction repayment period, the Department of Game shall make payment to the construction repayment obligation as well as O&M assessments. The Game Department will comply with all applicable rules of the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District.

Since the interaction between the irrigated agricultural community and units managed under a wildlife oriented lease cannot be accurately predicted at this time, we believe a 10-year interim agreement is appropriate.

We recommend the designation of Units P50 and P81 as wildlife units to be administered as outlined above. By memorandum dated August 8, 1980, the Fish & Wildlife Service concurred to conditions very similar to those outlined above. However, subsequent to the Service's review and approval, the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District requested some minor language amendments. Therefore, we once again recommend that this plan as outlined briefly herein be adopted as the Wildlife Enhancement Plan for Block 26 to be refined and included in the environmental assessment covering development of the block.

If you concur, please indicate by signing in the space provided on all four copies. Please return the copies so that we can

forward them to the Washington State Department of Game and the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District for their concurrence. A fully executed original will be returned to the service of your records.

I Concur:

South Columbia Basin Irrigation District Date
President, Board of Directors

I Concur:

Jack L. Smith June 20, 1984

Washington State Department of Game Date
Title: Assistant Director

I Concur:

Charles A. Dunn May 15, 1984

United States Department of the Interior, Date
Fish and Wildlife Service
Title: Field Supervisor

I Concur:

Jim Gb MAY 8 1984

United States Department of the Interior, Date
Bureau of Reclamation
Project Manager

cc: Washington State Department of game, Ephrata, WA 98823
South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Pasco, WA 99301
Fish & Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1157, Moses Lake, WA 98837